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CBS Wins a Stay On Keeping Tapes

Citing the First Amendment and a state law to protect journalists, CBS News yesterday won a temporary stay of an order to turn over unused videotapes of an interview with two men convicted of selling weapons to international terrorists.

Acting Justice Thomas B. Galligan ruled in Manhattan that the tapes, part of an interview that appeared on "60 Minutes," were needed by the Manhattan District Attorney's office in preparing a new trial for one of the men, George Gregary Korkala.

In 1981, Mr. Korkala and Frank E. Terpil were each sentenced in absentia to 17% to 53 years in prison on conspiracy and weapons charges. Mr. Korkala was extradited to the United States from Spain last year and will be retried. The stay was issued by Justice Leonard H. Sandler of the Appellate Division of State_Supreme Court in Manhattan.

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